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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
10 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
11 **(SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION)**

12 In re: Bankruptcy Case No. 05-14659

13 THE LEGACY ESTATE GROUP, LLC, a
California Limited Liability Company, formerly
14 doing business as FREEMARK ABBEY WINERY,
BYRON VINEYARD & WINERY, AND
ARROWOOD VINEYARD & WINERY,

15 Debtor.

16 Adv. Proc. No. 06-01173

17 OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED
18 CREDITORS OF THE LEGACY ESTATE
GROUP, LLC,

19 Plaintiff,

20 v.

21 JOHN M. BRYAN, JOHN M. AND FLORENCE
22 E. BRYAN TRUST, J.M. BRYAN FAMILY
TRUST, KULWINDER SIDHU, DEVINDER
23 SIDHU, PACIFIC PARAGON INVESTMENT
FUND LTD., a British Columbia company,
24 HARRY CHEW, and AIC CAPITAL PARTNERS,
LLC, a California limited liability company,

25 Defendants.
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D. Ct. Case No: 3:07-cv-02943-PJH

**JOINDER OF ANDREA A. WIRUM,
TRUSTEE OF CONNAUGHT CAPITAL
PARTNERS, LLC, TO OFFICIAL
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED
CREDITORS' OPPOSITION TO THE
BRYAN DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO
WITHDRAW REFERENCE**

[NO HEARING SCHEDULED]

1 JOHN M. BRYAN, JOHN M. AND FLORENCE
2 E. BRYAN TRUST, J.M. BRYAN FAMILY
TRUST,

3 Defendants/Cross-Claimants,

4 v.

5 KULWINDER SIDHU, et al.,

6 Defendants/Cross-Defendants.

1 Andrea Wirum, as Chapter 11 Trustee of Connaught Capital Partners LLC ("Connaught"),
2 hereby joins in the opposition ("Opposition") filed by the Official Committee of Unsecured
3 Creditors (the "Committee") appointed in the Chapter 11 case of the Legacy Estate Group LLC
4 ("Legacy") to the Motion to Withdraw Reference (the "Motion") filed by defendants John M. Bryan,
5 the J.M. Bryan Family Trust, and the John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust (collectively, "Bryan
6 Defendants"), and respectfully represents as follows:

7 As noted in the Opposition, Connaught is the parent company and majority owner of Legacy,
8 and is also a bankruptcy debtor in this district. On March 15, 2007, the Bankruptcy Court approved
9 a settlement between the Legacy and Connaught estates, pursuant to which the proceeds of the
10 estates' claims against the Bryan Defendants will be shared by creditors of the Legacy and
11 Connaught estates. Accordingly, Connaught has a direct and vital interest in the disposition of this
12 action.

13 Connaught joins in the Opposition because the interests of Connaught's creditors will
14 be best served if the Bankruptcy Court continues to hear and determine all issues presented in
15 connection with this litigation, including the issues raised by the Motion. For the reasons stated in
16 the Opposition, Connaught respectfully requests that the Motion be denied.

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18 DATED: July __, 2007

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20 /s/
21 Andrea A. Wirum, Trustee

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Angela C. Johnson, certify and declare as follows:

I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to this action. I am an employee of Winston & Strawn LLP, and my business address is 101 California Street, San Francisco, California, 94111. On July 17, 2007, I served a true and correct copy of:

JOINDER OF ANDREA A. WIRUM, TRUSTEE OF CONNAUGHT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, TO OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS' OPPOSITION TO THE BRYAN DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO WITHDRAW REFERENCE

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- ☐ by personally delivering the document(s) to the person(s) at the address(es) set forth on the attached service list.
- ☐ by email transmission to the individuals and email addresses as set forth on the attached service list. I caused the document(s) to be transmitted via email. I am readily familiar with my firm's practice for email transmissions. In sending the above described document by email, I followed the firm's ordinary business practices.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed at San Francisco, California, on July 17, 2007.


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